

Court Adoption & Permanency Month



Technical Assistance Package

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In 1999, prompted by the success of the Adoption Saturday program in Los Angeles, the Judicial Council, the Legislature, and the Governor passed resolutions declaring November to be Court Adoption and Permanency Month. The month of November was selected for the statewide recognition to coincide with National Adoption Month, a month when government agencies and private nonprofit organizations highlight innovative efforts to expedite adoption and permanency and raise awareness of the need for safe and permanent homes for children waiting to be adopted.

The first Court Adoption and Permanency Month was a huge success. Since then, courts around the state have developed innovative programs that highlight the importance of adoption and permanency planning in November and throughout the year. The Judicial Council has gathered many of these ideas in the updated Adoption and Permanency Technical Assistance Package to help courts as they plan for Court Adoption and Permanency Month 2002.

In addition to putting the spotlight on model efforts to improve the adoption and permanency process, Court Adoption and Permanency Month was envisioned as a starting point for systemic change. To that end, this binder includes ideas for events in November and throughout the year.

In this binder you will find:

- A copy of the most recent state and county resolutions;
- Ideas for events in November, with sample materials;
- Ideas for year-round activities;
- How-to guides for working with the media and local nonprofit and private agencies; and
- Other supplemental materials, such as a fact sheet on adoption and foster care and an updated directory of children adoption agencies.

Thank you for your continued commitment to making this month a success. With more than 100,000 children in California living apart from their families in out-of-home care, it is important that California's courts continue to make these efforts a priority. Good luck with whatever event you choose to do this November, and please feel free to call us with any questions.

The Judicial Council plans to update the Adoption and Permanency Month Technical Assistance Package annually and would appreciate hearing of any new ideas your court develops that we could include in next year's binder. Please send all information to the attention of Audrey Evje by e-mail at audrey.evje@jud.ca.gov, by phone at 415-865-7217, by fax at 415-865-7706, or by mail at 455 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, 94102.